and state what are the recommendations of the Committee to revise the royalty on gas and crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): The report of the Committee, which was submitted recently, is under examination of Government.

Gas based power Projects

2968. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are contemplating to utilise flaring gas of Bombay and Tapti High;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have recieved proposals for setting up of a gas-based power project in Gujarat and Maharashtra by using flaring gas;

(c) what are the proposals pending with Government for clearance; and

(d) by when Government propose to take final decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) A scheme for additional compression and increasing transportation capacity of gas in the Western offshore region is being implemented in order to reduce the flaring of gas. There is no flaring of gas in Tapti fields.

(b) to (d) Proposals have been received from time to time. Allocations have been made keeping in view the potential availability of gas.

2969. [Transferred to the 17th December 1991]

Allotment of LPG to SC/ST Minorities and Women

2970. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of widows, handicapped, SC/ST and minorities who applied for L.P.G. dealerships in the country especially in Delhi in 1988, 1989, 1990 and so far in 1991 and were selected for grant of dealership after being interviewed by the Oil Selection Board and issued letters of intent;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the above-mentioned successful applicants about the hardship being faced by them for not having been allotted dealership so far in view of the large sums invested by them in hiring shops and godowns; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for reviewing the grant of dealership to applicants who were selected by the Oil Selection Board;

(d) whether Government propose to expedite the review; and

(e) if so, by when the successful applicants are likely to get L.P.G. dealership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Such records are not maintained by Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) To see that no irregularity was committed in the selection of dealers/distributors.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A decision will be taken in this regard as soon as the review is completed.